



Good Neighbor News

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Emerging Trend— Bicycle Theft *Protect your bicycle*

A trend in Carlsbad these days is the theft of bicycles. There are two trends occurring: 1) the theft of bicycles from open garages; and 2) the

theft of bicycles left unattended in the village. Please help us stop this trend by practicing some of the following prevention tips.

At home

- Always keep your garage door closed. Bicycles, other sporting equipment, tools or even your car can be easily and quickly accessed through an open door.
- Bring your bicycle inside at night and when you are finished riding it.
- Put valuables like bicycles toward the back of the garage so they are harder to access. Or, hang them in the garage.
- Consider the security of your whole house by making sure you lock all windows and doors even when you leave your home for just a few minutes.
- Review more home security tips here <http://goo.gl/dCLlu6>

Remove the
opportunity for crime.

Out and about

- Always lock your bicycle.
- Lock your bicycle in areas with good surveillance.
- If possible, lock your bicycle with two different types of locks that would require two different cutting tools.
- Secure each lock to a separate wheel and the frame.
- Remove all moveable parts.

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- Register your bicycle and get a bicycle license at your local fire station. Licenses are given on Saturdays between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$3.
 - Record your bicycle's make, model and serial number.
 - Engrave your bicycle with your California Driver License number.

Good policing takes teamwork. Be part of team Carlsbad and help us prevent this trend from continuing.

Thefts from Vehicles at Recreational Areas

*Remove the opportunity for
crime*

It is spring and with spring comes the desire to go to any one of Carlsbad's beautiful recreation areas. But if you are going to the beach, trail or park, think about what you are leaving in your vehicle

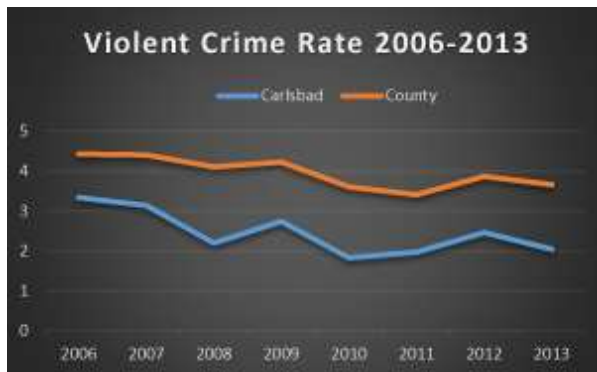


- Park where there is natural surveillance and light.
- Always lock your vehicle and take the keys. Remove all personal property like iPods, laptops, purses, cell phones, or anything else visible and unattended. It takes just a moment to break the window and steal your property.
- If you are going walking, surfing or biking and cannot take your property, leave it at home.
- Report suspicious activity and crime to the Carlsbad Police Department 24 hours a day.

Carlsbad's Crime Rate Drops in 2013

SANDAG releases 2013 countywide crime statistics

Recently SANDAG released the countywide crime statistics for 2013 which included Carlsbad. The results were in three categories, the overall crime rate, the violent crime rate and the property crime rate. Carlsbad is happy to report reductions in all categories.



- Carlsbad's violent crime rate per 1,000 population went down 17 percent.

- Carlsbad's violent crime rate remains in the bottom one-third of the county.

- Countywide the property crime rate stayed about the same.

- Carlsbad's property crime rate per 1,000 population went down 2 percent.

- Non-residential burglary showed a 13 percent increase countywide and in Carlsbad.

2013 in summary

30-year lows.

- The countywide overall FBI Index crime rate went down 1 percent.
- Carlsbad's FBI Index crime rate per 1,000 population went down 4 percent.
- Carlsbad's crime rate generally mirrors what is going on in the county and even nationally, just at a lower level.
- The countywide violent crime rate went down 5 percent.
- This is the second lowest rate in the past 30 years.

- The overall burglary rate countywide is still one of the lowest in the past 30 years.

- The police department uses crime analysis directed policing to combat crime.

- This program includes crime analysis, prevention and enforcement.

After all the statistics are read it is important to keep in mind that good and effective policing takes teamwork. Be part of team Carlsbad by being a good witness, reporting crime and suspicious activity, and removing all opportunities for crime. Thanks for your help! To review the SANDAG report, please go to www.sandag.org.

Prescription Drug Drop Box

Dispose of your old, unused and unwanted prescription medications safely

The Police Department now has a prescription drug drop box in the lobby of the Safety Center. The Safety Center is located at 2560 Orion Way. The box is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Liquids must be in a sealed container or in a zip lock bag. There is a small container for sharps but if you have a large quantity to dispose of, please take them to locations like Coast Waste Management at 5960 El Camino Real.

Social Media Review!

Taking communication to new levels. Be part of the revolution!

It has been nearly a year since the Police Department started its own Facebook and Twitter accounts. In that time

- 241 stories have been told on Facebook.
- The stories have reached **160,000** people!
- The Facebook account has nearly 900 followers and growing.
- There have been 295 Tweets!
- Find us here www.facebook.com/carlsbadpolicedepartment or here @CarlsbadPolice

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www.carlsbadca.gov/crime-prevention

Check it out. "Like" and "follow" if you feel inclined. The department will be watching to see what topics interest you.

